



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 401

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House Bill No. 5793

House of Representatives, April 2, 2015

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SAFE HAVEN DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivision (69) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (69) The Governor shall proclaim April second of each year
4 to be Safe Haven Day to heighten public awareness of the safe haven
5 law, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61, inclusive, concerning the voluntary
6 surrender of infants thirty days or younger and the availability of safe
7 havens in the state. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol
8 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the
9 day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill establishes a Safe Haven Day and requires exercises observing the day as designated by the Governor.

Various state agencies and municipalities may incur costs for engaging in the exercises designated by the Governor. The level of costs for affected agencies and municipalities will be dependent upon the location, nature, and size of exercises.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5793*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING SAFE HAVEN DAY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim April 2 of each year as Safe Haven Day to heighten awareness about the state's safe haven for newborns law. It requires that suitable exercises be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

Under the safe haven law, a parent or his or her lawful agent may voluntarily surrender custody of an infant 30 days or younger to designated hospital staff. In situations when there is no abuse or neglect, the parent or agent is not criminally liable for abandonment or risk of injury to the child. The Department of Children and Families assumes custody of surrendered infants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/18/2015)